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FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG

TO DAMSACUS 01

INFO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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USLO PEKING

SECSTATE WASHDC 1999

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, CH, SY

SUBJECT: NEW PRC AMBASSADOR TO SYRIA

1. TSAO KE-CHINAG (2580/0344/1730), NEW PRC AMBASSADOR TO SYRIA, DEPARTED PEKING FOR POST ON AUGUST 26, ACCORDING TO AN NCNA REPORT OF THE SAME DATE.

2. DAMASCUS IS THE FIRST AMBASSADORIAL POST FOR TSAO WHO HAS SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE WEST ASIAN AND NORTH AFRICAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF MOFA SINCE AUGUST 1972. HIS ONLY OTHER POSTING ABROAD WAS TO THE DPRK. HE WAS COUNSELOR OF THE PRC EMBASSY IN PYONGYANG FROM EARLY FEBRUARY 1956 UNTIL LATE DECEMBER 1960. UNTIL HIS AUGUST 1972 APPOINTMENT, TSAO HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE ASIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF MOFA. INFORMATION REGARDING HIS EARLY LIFE AND ACTIVITIES IS UNAVAILABLE.

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## Message Attributes

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